

**FREDERICKSBURG
RECREATION COMMISSION
Minutes of September 16, 2010**

The September meeting of the Fredericksburg Recreation Commission was held on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at Maury Commons, Suite 111. The meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Present: Commissioners Tim Duffy, George Foster (arrived late), Ken Kroko, Barbara Miller-Richards (arrived late), and Susan Tyler. Absent: Commissioners Brian Baker, Charles McDaniel, and Beatrice Paolucci. Also in attendance: JoAnne Jones, Superintendent of Leisure Services, Robert Antozzi, and Patricia Sparks.

- I. Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of July 15, 2010 were unanimously approved.

II. Public Comment:

James Lawrence, 802 Caroline Street, distributed a memorandum from the Assistant City Manager, Mark Whitley to the City Manager, Bev Cameron. The memorandum outlined the FY2011 budget appropriations for street maintenance and Parks Maintenance needs. James reported that he attended an R Board Meeting, and they are considering charging the City Government for dumping their trash. He suggested that the City work harder on recycling. James also suggested that the City have more benches.

- III. Communications from the Director:** The Commissioners reviewed the following reports:

Dixon Pool Summer Report 2010 – JoAnne Jones, Superintendent of Leisure Services, presented the Commissioners with the 2010 Dixon Pool Report. JoAnne reviewed attendance and financial records, machinery and equipment concerns, pool swim lessons, special events, vendor and private rentals. Overall, the pool operations and programs went very well. Comments and suggestions from both guests and staff will be taken into consideration for next year.

Financial Report – August 2010

Sports Report – July/September 2010

Leisure Report – August/September 2010

The Follow-up Report-July 2010

Ltr. from City Manager to Doris Buffett

Thank you from Fredericksburg Baptist Church

Ltr. from Patricia Low to Director and Director's Response

PR&PF Awards-VRPS Conference

Beatrice Paolucci Appointment Letter

IV. Noteworthy Dates: The Commissioners reviewed upcoming programs and trips.

V. Old Business:

A. Pathways – Dr. Antozzi reported that they are preparing to advertise for the request for bids. The City is still negotiating with Susanne Geslois in reference to the pathway easement.

B. Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation Partnership – Ground-breaking ceremony was held on August 9, 2010. No updated information was reported.

C. Riverfront Park – Dr. Antozzi reported that several events have now occurred at the Riverfront Park. The City is preparing to correct the drainage problem around the bowl.

D. Dog Festival - No report.

E. Discussion on Commission Vacancy – Dr. Antozzi announced that there is one vacancy on the Recreation Commission. The Commissioners were encouraged to identify any potential candidates that could be recommended to City Council.

F. Website Concerns – The Commissioners received an updated report from Wendy Stone on staff issues and concerns with the current Parks and Recreation web site. The Commissioners recommended sending a thank you note to Mr. Mark Whitley for his assistance on the problems surrounding our web site.

G. 2011 Budget Overview – The Commissioners received a 2011 budget overview for their review.

VI. New Business:

A. Cossey Park Master Plan – The Commissioners received the meeting notes for the Cossey Park Master plan Development. The meeting was to introduce all the attendees and to work toward the development of a cohesive plan for Cossey Botanical Gardens, the pond and the Dog Park.

B. Sports Policy Exemption Request – The Commissioners received a request for an exemption to the Sports Policy in regards to a Coach's son being placed from the wait list to a team, which had an opening due to a withdrawal. Policy states that once a team has an opening, staff will then call the first child on the waiting list. The coach's son was fifth on the waiting list. By the time the first player on the waiting list made his decision not to play, the team in question had played its first game. The Sports Policy states that once the first game is played, new players cannot be added to the roster. Hence, it was too late for the coach's son to be added to the roster from the wait list, and there were still three other players who needed to be checked for availability prior to the coach's son.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tyler, seconded by Commissioner Kroko to support and follow the Sports Policy as written. The motion passed. Commissioner Miller-Richards opposed the motion. Commissioner Foster abstained.

VII. Commission Concerns and Topics:

Commissioner Kroko – none.

Commissioner Foster stated that he was approached about equal access in using Dixon Park. There seems to be some resentment from some of the soccer clubs in reference to FASA always using Dixon Park. Dr. Antozzi stated that he would need more information before addressing this issue. He also stated that he or staff would be more than happy to meet with anyone who is interested in using Dixon fields.

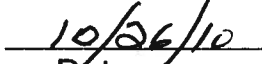
Commissioner Tyler stated Memorial Park looks fabulous and to please tell Park Maintenance staff.

Commissioner Miller-Richards – none.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved by the Recreation Commission


Dr. Robert Antozzi, Director


Date 10/26/10

Next Meeting October 21, 2010 at Maury Commons, Suite 111.